

## A MATRIX SHOWING OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS TO THE NGF TOUR TO RIVERS

S/NO	NAMES	OBSERVATIONS	SUGGESTIONS
1	Dr.Ayewoh	Revamping of education from bottom up. And the state is repositioning its education system to be competitive with the very best in the world.	Dr.Ayewoh suggested that Rivers state must as a matter of urgency; data should drive the number of schools in the local government.
		Declaration of a state of emergency in education in Rivers state. Creation of new age appropriate blue print for the drastic improvement in Education. Replacement of school with ultra modern, technology integrated schools.	Pay attention to the curriculum that must base around the economic goals. The schools should be part of the community, the communities should as well get involved
			The teachers' expectations/skills must equal students' achievements.
			Teacher student ratio should be paid attention to for quality and best practice in Rivers State.
			Community business should partner with schools.
2	SIMEON NWAKANDU	He emphasised that his major concern was the issue of very few projects.	He suggested that the state should and immediately reappraise the fund management system of the administration.
		There was no clear explanation of fund expenditure in Rivers state despite the Governors claims that he does not share money.	
		He also said that the Administration might be bogged down by development issues premised on accountability issues	
3	MR TEKULA	He observed that Rivers State is really passionate over rediscovering of the Garden city( <b>Greater port Harcourt city</b> )	He thinks that Port Harcourt city should plan towards building a low income earners quarters into other to maintain the future Port Harcourt.
		There is no sign for concerted effort in the environmental sanitation and waste disposal which will enhance the greening program of the city.	
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		city might end up as a mirage with huge waste resources.	
4	DR DALE	He said that there is an existence of gap between the Governors desire to institutionalise activities in the state and the real zeal to achieving them	To sustain the primary school facilities, the schools should be tie to individual private companies that operate in the oil and gas sector of the state.
		High rate of development in the State.	The various parts of the school building could be branded by companies to facilitate maintenance
		Though the projects in school and road construction is impressive, but there was no evidence to show that a decision was taken on the location and quantity of the project to embarked on	He suggested that the state should set up a community Health Management Committees to enhance efficiency and effectiveness among the staff.
		He also observed that the behavioural challenges in the state prove that the strategy for health funding is still not tight.	
		They prefer to spend more money than using lower income to achieve what they want	
		He also observed that the presentation of the commissioner for health indicates that the existence of medical doctors in the primary health care will put a stop to all the system failures noticed in the hospitals we visited.	
		He mentioned the governor is willing to learn but that he is surrounded by people that would not subject themselves to learning from a third party.	
5	DR PHILIP A.OLOMOLA	They have tremendous and resources potentials, which generates enough amount of Nigeria's oil wealth.	
		The state he said intend to exploit breakthrough in global knowledge, the huge revenue in oil sector.	
		The economic philosophy of the government is to deregulate the	



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		economy.	
		He noticed that the state did not experience external debt obligations that could lead to domestic spending.	
		Huge investment in service sector ensures long-term economic growth.	Effective maintenance strategy should be put in place
		The informal sector of the economy is largely fragmented and uncoordinated.	He suggested that there is need to integrate tax into the mainstream of the economy for mutual benefit.
		Inefficient budgetary allocations in the state.	The allocation of N3.3billion to the ministries of transport could have been accommodated within the ministry of works, there by releasing funds for other sectors.
		Investment in security for the state protection, and also an enabling environment for domestic and foreign investment	Short-term measure should be put in place to empower youths. The state can as well introduce unemployment scheme for the unemployed in the state.
		The effort of the state to save for future is a good one and should be adopted by other state.	He suggested that development in the banks should be monitored closely.
		The millennium Development goals may not be achieved in the state looking at their ineffective data collection mechanism.	The state should also try to develop a sound and functional statistical department to generate key data.
		The construction of an industrial Zone in the new city is commendable.	Deliberate effort should be made to encourage large scale farming.
6	DR. G.U.OWOH	Rivers State is working to improve on infrastructure through construction of primary and secondary schools, power and roads.	
		Inadequate accountability mechanism was found in the Public Sector Financial Management of the state.	
		Absence of Proper verification of facts before publication.	

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		Most projects initiated through Public Private Partnership, posing a threat to Government primary objective of good governance.	
		There was no evidence of effective project monitoring system in the state	The state should develop a monitoring strategy that is practical in nature.
		It was clear that data management in the state is poor, giving a negative impression on the state archive.	
		The framework for budgetary allocation was not clear.	
7	TERSOO ZAMBER	Elements of prudence, transparency and accountability were seen in Rivers State through the Accountability Forum of the Governor where he made public, government earnings, achievements and plan of action.	
		Some Feedback information from concerned citizens did not tally with government information literature on projects executed.	The Governor should be involved personally in project monitoring scheme of the state.